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I also thank my colleagues and staff for supporting me and the citizens of my district over the past several months. I am proud to have worked alongside each of them over these many years. I know that our work and accomplishments will have a lasting positive impact on our community and our nation.

With optimism and hope I look forward to the day when my treatment is complete and my health improves. I will truly miss serving as a Member of Congress and I will never be able to fully express my gratitude to the people of Chicago, and her Southland for granting me the opportunity to serve them for 17 wonderful years.

Sincerely,

JESSE JACKSON, Jr.,
Member of Congress.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 21, 2012.

Governor PAT QUINN,
James A. Thompson Building,
Chicago, IL.

MR. GOVERNOR: In 1995 when I was first elected to the House of Representatives I came to Washington with a singular purpose—to serve the constituents of the Second District of Illinois. During that time for seventeen years I have traveled on a journey with the citizens of the Second District of Illinois, and with their unwavering support we have worked together to transform what was once an underdeveloped and nearly forgotten South Side of Chicago.

Along this journey we have accomplished much. We have built new train stations, water towers, and emergency rooms. We have brought affordable housing, community centers and healthcare clinics to those who needed it most. In all, nearly a billion dollars worth of infrastructure and community improvement has been made on the South Side of Chicago and thousands of new jobs have been created. We began this journey by promising fresh water for the people of Ford Heights and a new airport that would employ upon completion 300,000 people. Today the people of Ford Heights have fresh water and sitting on the Governor's desk is a \$400,000,000 proposal for an airport that will cost the taxpayers nothing and only awaits the Governor's commitment to build it. And while our journey to strengthen our communities and provide a better future for our children will continue, I know that together we have made the Second District of Illinois a better place.

For seventeen years I have given 100 percent of my time, energy, and life to public service. However, over the past several

months, as my health has deteriorated, my ability to serve the constituents of my district has continued to diminish. Against the recommendations of my doctors, I had hoped and tried to return to Washington and continue working on the issues that matter most to the people of the Second District. I know now that will not be possible.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JACKSON), the whole number of the House is 433.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 27 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. POE of Texas) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings

will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 5997, by the yeas and nays; and concurring in the Senate amendment to H.R. 915, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. The second electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

MEDICAL PREPAREDNESS ALLOWABLE USE ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5997) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to codify authority under existing grant guidance authorizing use of Urban Area Security Initiative and State Homeland Security Grant Program funding for enhancing medical preparedness, medical surge capacity, and mass prophylaxis capabilities, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILL-RAKIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 397, nays 1, not voting 34, as follows:

[Roll No. 609]

YEAS—397

Ackerman	Canseco	Dent
Adams	Cantor	DesJarlais
Aderholt	Capito	Deutch
Akin	Capps	Diaz-Balart
Alexander	Capuano	Doggett
Altmire	Carnahan	Dold
Amodel	Carney	Donnelly (IN)
Andrews	Carson (IN)	Doyle
Baca	Carter	Dreier
Bachmann	Cassidy	Duffy
Bachus	Castor (FL)	Duncan (SC)
Baldwin	Chabot	Duncan (TN)
Barletta	Chaffetz	Edwards
Barrow	Chandler	Ellison
Barton (TX)	Chu	Ellmers
Bass (CA)	Cicilline	Emerson
Bass (NH)	Clarke (MI)	Engel
Becerra	Clarke (NY)	Eshoo
Benishchek	Clay	Farenthold
Berg	Cleaver	Farr
Berkley	Clyburn	Fincher
Berman	Coble	Fitzpatrick
Biggert	Coffman (CO)	Flake
Billbray	Cohen	Fleischmann
Billirakis	Cole	Fleming
Bishop (GA)	Conaway	Flores
Bishop (UT)	Connolly (VA)	Forbes
Black	Conyers	Fortenberry
Blackburn	Cooper	Fox
Blumenauer	Costa	Frank (MA)
Bonamici	Costello	Franks (AZ)
Bonner	Courtney	Fudge
Boren	Cravaack	Garamendi
Boswell	Crawford	Gardner
Boustany	Crenshaw	Garrett
Brady (PA)	Critz	Gerlach
Brady (TX)	Crowley	Gibbs
Braley (IA)	Cuellar	Gibson
Brooks	Culberson	Gingrey (GA)
Brown (GA)	Cummings	Gohmert
Buchanan	Curson (MI)	Gonzalez
Bucshon	Davis (CA)	Goodlatte
Buerkle	Davis (IL)	Gowdy
Burgess	DeFazio	Granger
Burton (IN)	DeGette	Graves (GA)
Butterfield	DeLauro	Graves (MO)
Calvert	DelBene	Green, Al
Camp	Denham	Green, Gene